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"Plenty, Security and Peace."

"In plenty, security and peace our virtuous and self reliant people face the future", says the President in his Thanksgiving Proclamation. Perhaps the world is rosy, that part which the President sees from his wheel chair. But to the worker who has a sense of reality there is lacking all of these three essentials of happiness in the workaday world.

To the worker who sells his labor power there is never plenty of the necessities of a full life. Neither is there any security. The boss owns his job, it is his to take away as he sees fit. For him there is no peace. When he is not drafted into the sanguinary wars of his master, he must pursue the unending class war against him in the shop, mill and mine.

Plenty, security and peace are not the workers' portion. For the President to prate of them

at such time of universal unemployment as the present, is to rub salt into wounds already galled beyond endurance.

When the workers have displaced the capitalist class in the control of industry and the State power, then and then only, can there be plenty, security and peace for the workingclass.

The Falling Cost Of Living.

The H. C. L. is falling, at least, so we are told by the statisticians. Already, it has dropped two per cent, they say. While this is no comfort to the two millions of workers now unemployed who have nothing to buy necessities with, there is still a lesson contained in the phenomena.

Governmental agencies, that is, capitalistic agencies have for many months carried on a fake campaign against the high cost of living. At the time the most aggressive measures were instigated against it, prices steadily climbed to higher levels. The fictitious efforts of the camouflaged warriors resulted in nothing but empty promises and unfulfilled pledges.

As long as European markets could pay the price, the American worker had a stiff competitor for his product. He was competing with a starving people in his every food purchase. The high prices resuting were also the higher because of the monopoly of markets by our patriotic home grown capitalists. Nevertheless, as long as industry continued to operate, he could somehow manage to get enough for his labor power to about meet the expense of existence.

But industry has now ceased to operate. It is closed down or working half time. The number of unemployed is running into the millions. European markets have become walled up by the low exchange rates and their own increased production. Capitalistic production has run another cycle. The inevitable collapse has followed the expansion. The crisis has followed close on the heels of "prosperity" Want follows plenty—the productive machinery and labor lie idle awaiting an opportunity to produce in abundance,

The high cost of living has dropped off an ounce, but the leaden weight of want still oppresses the worker, in fact, is increased by unemployment. Thru how many more cycles must capitalist con-